

Amazon Adventure - Summer 1

English

We will explore the theme of rainforests in the texts that we read and discuss our thoughts and opinions about meanings and messages that we find. We will identify the countries and cultures of the texts by using clues about way of life, plants and animals and anything else that we spot. We will explore how and why certain vocabulary may have been chosen by an author and we will identify how language, structure and presentation can contribute to stories persuading the reader.

How you can help: whilst your child is reading to you, encourage them to locate challenging vocabulary, discuss the meaning with them and get them to use it in their own sentence; talk about the story so far and make predictions using clues in the text; encourage them to say why they think or believe in something using words such as 'because'; continue to learn spellings with your child making it fun by using the activities sheet that I have sent home; talk about the ideas and learning on your child's reading bookmark.

Maths

We will continue to consolidate the four operations, especially in a problem solving context. We look at co-ordinates and further extend our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

How you can help: continue to learn the times tables with your child and get them involved with as much real world problem solving as possible. They can help you to work out costs and change when out and about, help them to see shapes and patterns as you travel around and help them to learn key facts such as how many centimetres are in a metre and what a prime number is. Transum.org has some good activities, many of which are free and I also like multiplication.com because it has some really fun games that can be customised. Hit the button is a great game to play to develop times tables knowledge.

www.transum.org

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

www.multiplication.com

www.activelearnprimary.com

Science

We will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird; describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals; know that plants produce pollen from the stamen (male part of a plant) which is transferred to the stigma and then the ovary (female parts of the plant); explore how fertilisation occurs in the ovary of the flower and know that seeds are formed as a result of fertilisation.

P.E.

On Wednesday afternoons, we will continue our swimming lessons with a fully qualified coach. Please make sure that full kit and a coat are in school every Wednesday.

On Monday afternoons, we will develop our skills associated with striking games. We will focus on fielding, catching, striking and using space in the games of cricket and Rounders.

Computing

We will be having a look at coding in computing. We have a few mini tasks to do to get us used to the language of coding and then we will be creating our very own game.

Geography

We will study the geography of the Amazon Basin which is the region of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. As most of the region is covered by tropical rainforest (biome) we will learn about this and other rainforests of the world. We will start to learn how the future of tropical rainforests and other ecosystems is closely connected to human lives and lifestyles. We will also learn about the wider country of Brazil in which most of the Amazon rainforest is located.

Music

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Mallinson, our music specialist, on Friday mornings.

MFL

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Spacey on Friday mornings.

Thank you

Mr. Knight